AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning in Line 7 of Page 21, as follows:

On the other hand, the managed node b 50b has the address [[L1]] L2 as the private address 210b. However, as for the address translation 230 in the NAT 20b, the global address corresponding to the private address L2 is not defined, and hence the global network 10 or the private network A 30a can not communicate directly with the managed node b 50b. But, in this case as well, the manager 40 can exchange the information with the managed node 50 as well in accordance with the management protocol through the management protocol proxy.

Please amend the paragraph beginning in Line 17 of Page 21, as follows:

At this time, during the address translation 220 in the management protocol proxy 60b, the management address V1 is made correspond to the private address L1, and also the management address V2 is made correspond to the private address [[22]] L2. That is, the management address V1 is statically allocated to the managed node a 50a, and also the management address V2 is statically allocated to the managed node b 50b. As a result, as for the management information 240 in the manager, the managed node a 50a is decided as the apparatus having the management address V1, and the managed node b 50b is decided as the apparatus having the management address V2 in order to carry out the network management.